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San Rafael - Caltrans today broke ground on the newest and most critical segment of the Highway 101 Gap Closure Project in Marin County.

Segment Three will build a continuous car-pool lane, or High-Occupancy-Vehicle (HOV) lane, through the busiest section of San Rafael. When the entire project is completed, there will be one continuous HOV lane through all of Marin County.

“When this project is done, commuters will finally have a viable alternative to solo driving,” Caltrans Deputy District Director Dan McElhiney said. “Car-pools, van pools, and express buses will be able to bypass the slower lanes. Further, with fewer solo commuters, there will be fewer cars on the highway, which benefits everyone.”

Construction on the \$54.9 million dollar Segment Three project will get underway immediately. It should be completed in early 2009.

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